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Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Project: Operation Road Check Conducted June 5-8, 2006

A special commercial vehicle enforcement project titled "Operation Road Check" was conducted June 5-8, 2006 on Interstate 40 and Interstate 17. The enforcement project involved 75 Police Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division and the Federal Carrier Safety Administration. The American Red Cross supported this effort by providing canteen services for the Officers and the motoring public.

Operation Road Check is a national effort to identify the current condition of the commercial vehicles that use the transportation highway systems. Officers conduct comprehensive inspections of commercial vehicles where all mechanical components and required records of the vehicles are inspected along with an examination of each driver and their credentials.

Operation Road Check included checkpoints on Interstate 40 both East and Westbound at Milepost 182 and on Interstate 17 both North and Southbound at Milepost 323. In addition there were moving patrols around the areas of the checkpoint to detect drivers attempting to avoid inspection.

Project Summary:

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	509
Total Number of Violations	1,659
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service-Mechanical Violations (Significant violations: brake and load securements)	130
Commercial Drivers Placed Out of Service (Significant violations: driving over hours, false information located in driver log books. Two drivers found to have consumed alcoholic beverages while in operation of a commercial vehicle. One driver arrested for failure to comply with previous Out of Service Order the following day without making required repairs.)	107

It should be noted that the enforcement statistical summary indicates approximately **25 percent** of the commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for various violations.